

CITY OF CORVALLIS
COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

POLICY AREA 9 - RIGHT-OF-WAY MATTERS

CP 91-9.04 **Street Lighting Policy**

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9.04.010 **Purpose**

To establish a policy regarding the installation of street lighting devices.

The City of Corvallis is interested in well-shielded, energy efficient street lighting sources that direct the light source downward where it is needed, not up or sideways where it is wasted and causes glare, light trespass, and bright skies.

9.04.020 **Policy**

- a. Standard placement of street lights shall be at intersections, in the middle of long blocks, and at the end of dead end streets and long cul-de-sacs.
- b. Approval of the City Council shall be secured for major additions or revisions to the street lighting system (2% of the system or greater). Minor additions or revisions to the system shall be approved by the City Manager or his/her designee.
- c. The City Manager or designee shall designate the type, size, location, and spacing of all street lights within the City, considering type of street usage (arterial, collector, or residential), and the economics of the street light installation. Effective July 1, 1994, all new subdivision

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street lights and future street light luminaire replacements within the existing street light system shall be flat-lens, fully shielded luminaires.

- d. Street lighting benefits the entire community and, therefore, should not be limited to improved sections of roadway only. Where street lights can be secured at no cost for the initial installation, they may be approved. (This policy will generally be limited to subdivisions or areas served with overhead distribution systems. Underground distribution systems or unimproved roadways complicate street light installations, due to the unknown nature of roadway width, sidewalk locations, trenching required, and roadway location within the right-of-way.)
- e. The City Manager or designee shall maintain street light mapping in the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) showing the location and type of street light facilities as well as an up-to-date file system indicating additions or deletions to the system.
- f. The City Manager or designee shall designate the timing of energizing street light installations within new subdivisions, considering the extent of development and the occupancy of structures.
- g. Street Light Installation - If residents desire street lights in addition to the guidelines noted above, they may be approved if they can be installed at no cost to the City. Requests to City staff will result in an administrative process that includes a survey of the affected property owners to determine if more than 50% support for the installation.
- h. Street Light Removal - A neighborhood may petition to remove street lights. A total of 100% of the affected properties, as determined by the City Manager or designee, must agree to the removal, along with the City's emergency services departments, before an existing light is removed.

9.04.030 Review and Update

This Right-of-Way Matters Policy shall be reviewed every four years in October by the Public Works Director and updated as appropriate.